

BRIGADIER GENERAL KEITH IVAN LANG

Chief of Staff-Air, Kansas

Brigadier General Lang is the Chief of Staff, Kansas Air National Guard. As the Chief of Staff, he is responsible for formulating and organizing plans and programs that ensure the Kansas Air National Guard units are equipped, manned, and trained to accomplish wartime mobilization requirements. He is responsible for validating qualifications and proficiency of rated personnel and reviewing plans for employment/deployment of all tactical and strategic forces assigned to the Kansas Air National Guard to ensure compliance with applicable laws and directives.

Brigadier General Lang entered military service as an enlisted member in August 1978 where he served as an F-4 crew chief with the North Dakota Air National Guard. He was selected for pilot training with the 190th Air Refueling Wing in Topeka, Kansas and was commissioned through the Academy of Military Science in June 1981. Since successful completion of undergraduate pilot training in 1982, he has flown the KC-135A, KC-135D, KC-135E, and KC-135R aircraft accumulating over 4,000 flying hours as a military Command Pilot. He has participated in multiple deployments and in several operations to include Operations Desert Shield, Desert Storm, and Northern Watch, logging over 130 hours during 31 combat support sorties.

EDUCATION:

1981 Central Missouri State University, Bachelor of Science, Aviation
Technology, Warrensburg, Missouri
2004 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. June 1981 – August 1982, Student, Undergraduate Pilot Training, Vance Air Force Base, Oklahoma
2. August 1982 – February 1983, Student, Combat Crew Training School, Castle Air Force Base, California
3. February 1983 - June 1987, Co-Pilot, KC-135, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
4. June 1987– September 1990, Aircraft Commander, KC-135, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
5. September 1990 – September 1993, Element Leader B Flight, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
6. September 1993 – September 1994, Operations Officer, 177th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas

7. September 1994 – September 1995, Commander A Flight, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
8. September 1995 – April 1998, Operations Officer, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
9. April 1998 – April 1999, Commander, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
10. April 1999 – April 2000, Commander, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
11. April 2000 – December 2000, Commander, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
12. December 2000 – March 2003, Chief of Safety, 190th Air Refueling Wing, Topeka, Kansas
13. March 2003 – March 2005, Flight Commander/KC-135 Evaluator/Instructor Aircraft Commander, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Topeka, Kansas
14. March 2005 – March 2006, C Flight Commander, 117th Air Refueling Squadron, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
15. March 2006 – March 2008, Director of Operations, Air Component, Joint Forces Headquarters, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
16. March 2008 – May 2011, Wing Commander, 190th Air Refueling Wing, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas
17. May 2011 – Present, Chief of Staff-Air, Joint Forces Headquarters, Kansas Air National Guard, Topeka, Kansas

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Meritorious Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Medal

Aerial Achievement Medal (with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster)

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Joint Meritorious Unit Award

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award (with Valor Device and 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Combat Readiness Medal (with 2 Silver Oak Leaf Clusters)

National Defense Service Medal (with 1 Bronze Star)

Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal

Southwest Asia Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Stars)

Global War On Terrorism Service Medal

Armed Forces Service Medal

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon (with 4 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters)

Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with "M" Device and Gold Hourglass)

Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon

Air Force Training Ribbon

Kuwait Liberation Medal Kingdom of Saudi Arabia

Kuwait Liberation Medal Government of Kuwait
Kansas National Guard Commendation Ribbon
Kansas National Guard State Emergency Duty Service Ribbon (with 1 Bronze Sunflower)
Kansas National Guard Service Medal (with 2 Bronze Sunflower)

CIVILIAN OCCUPATION:

Commercial Airline Captain flying over 18,000 hours in the B-727, DC-9, and DC-10.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & AFFILIATIONS:

Air Force Association
National Guard Association of the United States
National Guard Association of Kansas
Perpetual Sustaining Member to the Museum of the Kansas National Guard
Allied Pilots Association

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant 25 June 1981
First Lieutenant 7 July 1983
Captain 2 November 1985
Major 1 June 1991
Lieutenant Colonel 5 November 1995
Colonel 2 August 2006
Brigadier General 14 May 2011

Current as of 10 September 2011